# At home in Central Auckland

### **Open Days**

Home and Family Counselling, 344 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden. Wed, June 11, 1.30pm-6pm. Contact Manju, ph 630 8961.

#### Quartet

Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring St, Onehunga. June 14-July 5. Four opera singers consider performing an item for Verdi's birthday. Ph 636 7322, www.dolphintheatre.org.nz

### **Blackpool Comes to Hollywood**

Hollywood Cinema, 20 St Georges Rd, Avondale. Sun, June 15, 2pm. \$22. Contact James, ph 525 7067.

■ Email events details two weeks ahead, with a contact number, to Editor central@theaucklander.co.nz. Read What's On at www.theaucklander.co.nz

What events are coming up across Auckland? Let us know. Email Sharu two weeks ahead at sharu.delilkan @theaucklander.co.nz

## By word of mouth

■ by Sharu Delilkan

Miriam Barr and her fellow members of The Literatti hope to dispel the notion that "poetry is a dusty, boring thing" with their new show Word of Mouth.

"We aim to make poetry more theatrical and performance based, with music playing a big part," says the group's creative director.

"Poetry is meant to entertain, not to stroke our egos."

Word of Mouth mixes in other disciplines with poetry: visuals,



theatre, sets and music.

It's a show that's far livelier than recital of verse, taking second place at The Dunedin Fringe Festival's People's Choice Award this year.

The Literatti, who mostly perform their own pieces, strives to promote New Zealand poets and help them develop the way they present their craft. The group was formed in 2006 when Barr met poets Shane Hollands, Murray Haddow and Andra Jenkin.

Word of Mouth, TAPAC, Western Springs, June 20, 8pm, ph 302 3940. See www.theliteratti.co.nz



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